

**The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Penny Black.**

The design, by Jeffery Matthews, combines the Machin head of Queen Elizabeth II (as used on the current definitive issues) superimposed on an offset portrait of Queen Victoria as it appeared on the Penny Black. The set of five stamps from sheets was issued on **10<sup>th</sup> January 1990**, later followed on various dates for three of the values in booklets. The stamps remained on sale until **September 1990** when a rate increase rendered the values obsolete.

**Sheet stamps - *likely*** to be found with Perfins.

**Printed in photogravure by Harrison & Sons. Perf 15x14.**

- 15p bright blue - **SG1467** (1 centre band).
- 20p brownish black and cream - **SG1469** (phosphorised paper).
- 29p deep mauve - SG1471 (phosphorised paper).
- 34p deep bluish grey - **SG1473** (phosphorised paper).
- 37p rosine - SG1474 (phosphorised paper).

**Available in Booklets only - *unlikely*** to be found with Perfins.

**Printed in photogravure by Harrison & Sons. Perf 15x14.**

- 15p bright blue - SG1468 (1 side band) introduced 30<sup>th</sup> January 1990.
- 20p brownish black and cream - SG1470 (2 bands) issued 30<sup>th</sup> January 1990.
- 29p deep mauve - SG1472 (2 bands) issued 20<sup>th</sup> March 1990.

**Printed in Litho (Walsall). Perf 14.**

- 15p bright blue - SG1475 (1 centre band) introduced 30<sup>th</sup> January 1990.
- 20p brownish black and cream - SG1476 (phosphorised paper) issued 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 1990.

**Printed in Litho (Questa). Perf 15x14.**

- 15p bright blue - SG1477 (1 centre band) introduced 17<sup>th</sup> April 1990.
- 20p brownish black and cream - SG1478 (phosphorised paper) issued 17<sup>th</sup> April 1990.



78 dies



102 dies



0 dies



1 die



0 dies

Note - No change to figures published 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

Note: **110** different Perfin dies are known on this issue. Of the five denominations issued in sheet form, the **15p** and **20p** values are often seen with Perfins, whereas the remaining three denominations are incredibly rare (with Perfins). In fact, only one of these, the **34p**, has been reported with a Perfin.

Figures correct to: **1<sup>st</sup> July 2019**.

	Cat No	Letters	Die in use	Identified user	15p	20p	29p	34p	37p	Total
1	A2610.01M	AG/S	1941-1990	Arthur Guinness & Co Ltd.		20p				1
2	B0195.01	BA/HA	1973-1995	3 Heath Authority users.	15p	20p				2
3	B0230.04	BASS	1905-1990	Bass, Ratcliffe & Gretton Ltd		20p				1
4	B0825.01	BB/M	1875-1990	Balham Builders' Merchants.		20p				1
5	B1110.03M	BC	1945-2000	26 users, mainly councils.	15p	20p				2
6	B1110.05M	BC	1900-1995	Burnley Corporation.	15p	20p				2
7	B1950.01	BDC	1950-1990	3 different users.	15p					1
8	B2910.02M	BG	1945-1995	7 different users.	15p	20p				2
9	B3125.01	BG/PL <sup>c</sup>	1990-2000	British Gas Plc.	15p	20p				2
10	B3275.01M	BH/A	1975-1995	2 Health Authority users.	15p	20p				2
11	B7560.01M	BW	1945-1995	5 different users.	15p	20p				2
12	C0010.02M	C	1935-1990	9 different users.	15p	20p				2
13	C0020.01M	C/..	1965-Current	Private user.	15p	20p				2
14	C0080.01M	C&A	1953-1995	C&A Modes Ltd.		20p				1
15	C0520.01M	CB/B	1960-1998	CB of Bournemouth.	15p	20p				2
16	C0775.01	CB/H	1967-2000	CB of Hartlepool.	15p	20p				2
17	C1110.01M	CC	1941-1998	15 different users.	15p	20p				2
18	C1260.01M	C/CC	1952-2000	3 Councils.	15p	20p				2
19	C2310.01M	C/EC	1954-1992	Croydon Education Comm.		20p				1
20	C3085.02	C/HA	1984-1990	2 Health Authority users.	15p	20p				2
21	C4470.01M	CLE/C	1948-2001	Carlisle Corporation.	15p	20p				2
22	C6595.01	CRS	1980-1995	Co-operative Retail ....		20p				1
23	C6835.01	C.S/B	1985-1995	Cadbury Schweppes.		20p				1
24	C8335.01	C/WC	1990-1995	City of Westminster College.	15p	20p				1
25	D0560.02M	DC	1945-1995	6 users, mainly councils.	15p	20p				2
26	D0860.02M	D/&C <sup>o</sup>	1943-1990	11 Different users.	15p	20p				2
27	D1270.02	D/DC	1975-2000	Derwentside DC.		20p				1
28	D4710.01M	DT	1945-2000	2 different users.		20p				1
29	E0640.01M	E.C/D	1930-1995	Durham (Education Comm).	15p	20p				2
30	E0685.01M	EC/HD	1975-1995	East Cumbria Health Dist.	15p	20p				2
31	E1543.01	EF/DC	1974-1995	Epping Forest DC.	15p	20p				2
32	E2020.01	EH/MC	1957-1990	6 Health Authority users.		20p				1
33	E2020.01bM	EH/MC	1985-2009	User unknown.	15p	20p				2
34	G0760.01M	GC	1941-2006	2 different users.	15p	20p				2
35	H0360.01M	HB	1945-2000	4 different users.		20p				1
36	H0470.02aM	HB/C	1941-2014	3 Different users.		20p				1
37	H1160.02M	HC	1941-2005	7 users, mainly councils.	15p	20p				2
38	H1710.01	HC/S	1948-2000	2 different users.	15p	20p				2
39	H3410.01M	HH/MC	1952-2008	4 Health Authority users.	15p	20p				2
40	H6310.01a	HS	1975-1990	2 Health Authority users.	15p	20p				2
41	J5290.02M	JM/&C <sup>o</sup>	1945-1993	John Mowlem & Co Ltd.	15p	20p				2
42	J6970.03M	JS/&C <sup>o</sup>	1950-1990	2 Users.		20p				1
43	J6970.03d	JS/&C <sup>o</sup>	1965-1990	J Sloper & Co Ltd.	15p					1
44	K0285.01M	K&C	1965-2000	2 Council users.	15p	20p				2
45	K0950.01	K/HD	1975-1990	3 Health Authority users.		20p				1
46	K1470.02	KP	1990-1995	Private user.	15p	20p				2
47	L0315.01	LB/B	1965-1990	3 Council users.	15p	20p				2
48	L0315.01aM	LB/B	1985-2005	London Borough of Bromley.	15p	20p				2
49	L0315.02M	LB/B	1965-2005	3 London Boroughs.	15p	20p				2
50	L0340.06M	LB/C	1985-2005	London Borough of Camden.	15p	20p				2
51	L0390.01M	LB/G	1965-2006	London Borough of Greenwich.	15p	20p				2
52	L0440.01M	L.B./H	1965-2005	Hammersmith & Fulham (LB).	15p	20p				2
53	L0600.02M	LB/N	1978-1990	London Borough of Newham.	15p					1
54	L0630.01M	LB/R	1965-1995	London Borough of Redbridge.	15p	20p				2
55	L0960.02M	LC	1941-2000	16 users, mainly councils.	15p	20p		34p		3
56	L1116.01	LC/LC	1980-1990	User unknown.	15p					1
57	L1310.01	LCS	1954-1995	2 Co-operative Societies.	15p	20p				2
58	L2207.02	LF/CD	1990-2000	London Fire & CD Authority.	15p	20p				2

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59	L2540.02M	LG/H	1956-1990	4 Hospital Authority users.	15p					1			
60	M0450.01	M/BC	1945-1990	2 Council users.	15p	20p				2			
61	M0820.05M	MB/W	1988-2000	Metrolpolitan Borough of Wigan.	15p	20p				2			
62	M1010.01M	MC	1941-1990	11 users, including councils.	15p	20p				2			
63	M2755.01	MGN	1975-1998	Mirror Group Newspapers Ltd.		20p				1			
64	M3997.01	MML	1985-1995	<i>Mowlem Management Ltd.</i>		20p				1			
65	M4960.01	MS	1975-2000	Merton & Sutton HA.	15p	20p				2			
66	N0095.01	N/AHA	1974-1990	2 Hospital Authority users.		20p				1			
67	N0510.02M	NC	1941-1996	5 Council users.	15p	20p				2			
68	N0510.08M	NC	1971-1998	Nottingham CBC.	15p	20p				2			
69	N1625.01	N/HA	1980-1995	Newham Health Authority.	15p	20p				2			
70	N1674.01	NH/HD	1975-2005	2 Health Authority users.	15p	20p				2			
71	N2600.01	NPI	1941-1990	National Provident Inst.		20p				1			
72	N2710.06	NR	1988-2000	Norton Rose.		20p				1			
73	N3215.02	NT/AHA	1975-1995	North Tyneside AHA.	15p					1			
74	N3400.02	NUR	c1990	National Union of Railwaymen.		20p				1			
75	N3700.01	NY/CC	1974-1990	North Yorkshire CC.	15p					1			
76	N3700.02M	NY/CC	1980-1995	<i>North Yorkshire CC.</i>	15p	20p				2			
77	O0360.02M	OC	1930-1995	2 users - Oxford.	15p	20p				2			
78	P0120.01M	PAC	1938-1997	Prudential Assurance Co Ltd.	15p	20p				2			
79	P0120.06M	PAC	1980-1996	<i>Prudential Assurance Co Ltd.</i>		20p				1			
80	P0120.06aM	PAC	1974-1993	Prudential Assurance Co Ltd.	15p	20p				2			
81	P0410.01c	PB	1983-1990	<i>Poole BC.</i>	15p	20p				2			
82	P2030.01b	PF/TS	1957-1995	Preston & District Farmers' ...		20p				1			
83	P2333.01M	PHA	1975-1990	Peterborough Health Authority.	15p	20p				2			
84	P2565.01M	PI/O	1971-2000	Pratts Insurance Office.	15p	20p				2			
85	P3610.02M	PP	1960-1995	3 users - Preston based.	15p	20p				2			
86	<b>P4145.01m</b>	<b>PS mono</b>	1978-Current	Private user.	15p					1			
87	R0410.01M	RBC	1954-2000	4 Council users.	15p	20p				2			
88	R0520.01a	RBK	c1990	<i>User unknown.</i>		20p				1			
89	R0640.01	RB/15	1965-1990	3 Health Authority users.		20p				1			
90	R2210.01a	RHA	1985-2002	2 users.	15p	20p				2			
91	R2223.01M	RH/A	1985-2000	Rochdale Health Authority.	15p	20p				2			
92	R2225.01M	R/HA	1984-2005	2 Health Authority users.	15p	20p				2			
93	R2228.01a	RH/A8	1985-1995	London Ambulance Service.		20p				1			
94	R2870.01	RI/S	1985-1990	Reed Information Services.		20p				1			
95	S1210.01M	SC	1941-2006	15 users, mainly councils.	15p	20p				2			
96	S1210.04M	SC	1886-1996	Salford CBC.	15p	20p				2			
97	S2480.01M	SE/EB	1948-2000	South Eastern Electricity Board.		20p				1			
98	S3405.01M	S/HA	1982-1990	3 Health Authority users.	15p	20p				2			
99	S4280.01	SK/HA	1985-1990	St Helens & Knowsley HA.	15p	20p				2			
100	S7170.01M	St/BH	1957-2000	2 Hospital users.	15p	20p				2			
101	S7395.01	ST/HA	1985-1995	South Tyneside HA.	15p	20p				2			
102	T0415.01M	T/BC	1964-1990	3 Council users.		20p				1			
103	T1268.01M	TDC	1974-2006	Taunton Deane BC.	15p	20p				2			
104	T2060.01M	TH	1965-1995	LB of Tower Hamlets.		20p				1			
105	T2060.06M	TH	1990-2010	LB of Tower Hamlets.	15p	20p				2			
106	T4910.04M	TW	1985-2000	Thames Water Utilities Ltd.	15p	20p				2			
107	U1170.01M	U.L	1903-1996	University of London.		20p				1			
108	W3455.02M	W/HA	1985-2006	3 Health Authority users.	15p	20p				2			
109	W3456.01	W./HA	1985-1995	3 Health Authority users.		20p				1			
110	#0130.02	18	1964-2005	London Borough of Sutton.		20p				1			
<b>Totals &gt;&gt;</b>			<b>110</b>					<b>78</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>181</b>

**Note!**

Three of the dies listed above are 'Personal' dies, C0020.01M, K1470.02, and P4145.01m, the rest were used by commercial organisations and public bodies.

In 1990 there would only have been around 280 commercial Perfin dies still in active use.